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Attorney Docket No.: DERM1100-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rheins and Morhenn
Application No.: 09/375,609
Filed: August 17, 1999
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Art Unit: 1647
Examiner: L. Spector

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2. Return Receipt Postcard.

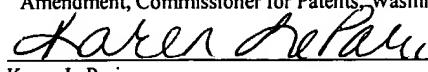
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Independent Claims	3	9	0	x \$42	X \$84	\$0.00
Multiple Claims				\$140	\$280	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 12, 2003



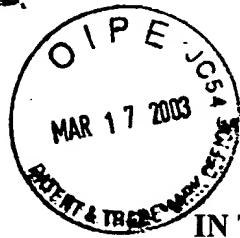
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks respectfully are requested.

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